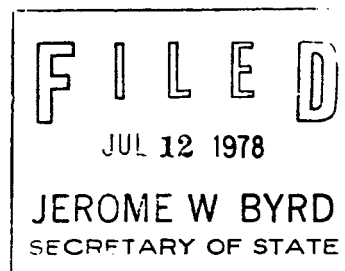


STATE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



E X E C U T I V E O R D E R N O. 78-24

INTERIM REGULATIONS OF SURFACE
MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Department of the Interior, has adopted and published initial environmental protection regulations that are applicable to all coal mining operations regulated by the States until a State has an approved regulatory program or a Federal regulatory program is implemented in that State; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 512, enacted and signed into law on February 2, 1978, provides in Section 22 thereof that, if by April 3, 1978, the Oklahoma Department of Mines and Mining shall not have adopted and published the necessary rules and regulations (relating to surface mining operations in this State), the Governor shall have necessary rules and regulations drafted and implemented; and

WHEREAS, said Department has not adopted and published such rules and regulations, but has given notice that on July 27, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. in the Senate Chamber, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that it will hold a public hearing to obtain comments leading to the adoption of the rules and regulations for surface mining reclamation activities, in keeping with the aforesaid initial regulations of the OSM;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID L. BOREN, GOVERNOR of the State of Oklahoma, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Oklahoma and the provisions of Senate Bill No. 512, do hereby order that the following rules and regulations are, as of this date, the Interim Rules and Regulations of surface mining reclamation activities in the State of Oklahoma:

30 CFR-Mineral Resources, Chapter VII-Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Provisions; Part 700 through Part 830, Federal Rules and Regulations published in Federal Register, Volume 42, Number 239-Tuesday, December 13, 1977, pages 62675 through 62713, inclusive; the same being those described initial rules and regulations adopted on December 13, 1977, pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-87) for on-going mining,

which rules and regulations are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This Order and Interim Regulations do not prescribe rules or regulation for the reclaiming of abandoned mined lands.

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It is further ordered that the Oklahoma Department of Mines and Mining and the Chief Mine Inspector shall administer and enforce these Regulations.

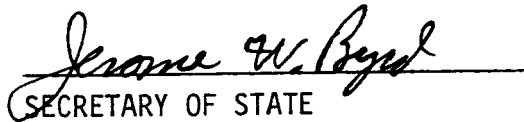
It is further ordered that the Chief Mine Inspector report to this Office comments received with respect to these Regulations at his July 27, 1978 public hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 11th day of July, 1978.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Jerome W. Boyd, is written over a horizontal line.
SECRETARY OF STATE